

2011 MINISTRY TRAINING

2: Observing the Text – January 26th

RECAP: Approaching the Text:

Human Book – 66 books over 40 human authors.

So we need to treat it as literature, at one level – we read it like any other book.

Meaning is found in the words, sentences and context – not mystically.

Divine Book - One author.

All Scripture breathed out by God! - Doctrine of **Inspiration**

So we need to read it like we do any other book – with this major difference – we read it as God's Word!

Therefore: Key Interpretative Principle: **Analogy of faith/Scripture**



How do I come to a knowledge of God through the Bible?

2 Timothy 2:7

⁷ Think over what I say,
for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.



PITFALLS OF OBSERVATION

Framework vs Text



Mark 7 v5-9; v13; Acts 17v29-31

e.g .Matthew 7 v24-27; Revelation 3:20; Matthew 24 v40-44

**“My endeavor is to bring out of Scripture what is there,
and not to thrust in what I think might be there.” Charles Simeon**

PRACTICE OF OBSERVATION - PRAY / READ / QUESTION

PRAY: Ephesians 1v16-19; 1 Corinthians 2v9-13

READ

DIAGRAM the text

(<http://www.biblegateway.com/> - get the esv text for free)

- main verbal clause
- sub clauses
- highlight connection words, '*for, therefore, but*'
- highlight repeated phrases or words
- paragraph unit breaks – summarize contents



eg – 1 Peter 5v5-7 – Diagramming makes the teaching easier to see-

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with **humility** toward one another,

for “**God** opposes the proud

but gives grace to the **humble**.”

⁶ **Humble** yourselves, *therefore*, under the mighty hand of **God**

so that at the proper time **he** may exalt you,

⁷ casting all your anxieties on **him**,

because **he** cares for you.

QUESTION the Text

WHAT ?

SO WHAT ? (next week)



Who? To Whom?

When?/Where?

What is it saying?

Why is it being said?

How does it fit into the context?

How is it being said? \Why is it being said in this way?

SURPRISES



Ephesians 4v28 - Let the thief no longer steal,
but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands,
so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Romans 12v1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

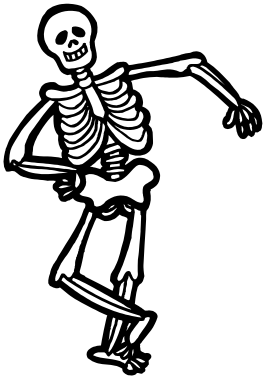
Colossians 1 v28-29 - Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,
that we may present everyone mature in Christ.
29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy
that he powerfully works within me.

Acts 10v42-43 - And he commanded us to preach to the people
and to testify that he is the one appointed by God
to be judge of the living and the dead.
43 To him all the prophets bear witness
that everyone who believes in him
receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Romans 5v8 - but God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SKELETONS

Mark 15v33-39



Ephesians 2v1-10

1 Tim 4 :15

¹⁵ Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress

Ministry Training - Wednesday		
January 12 th	Session 1	Approaching the Text
January 26 th	Session 2	Observing the Text
February 9 th	Session 3	Applying the Text
February 23 rd	Session 4	Applying the OT Text
March 9 th	Session 5	Instruments – Love
March 16 th	Session 6	Instruments – Know
March 23 rd	Session 7	Instruments - Speak
March 30 th	Session 8	Instruments – Do